

# N.A.H.F.

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE FUND

315 West Green Street, Marshall, MI 49068

**For Immediate Release:**

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## **THE NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE FUND INVITES LOCAL MEDIA TO 2022 CHECK DISTRIBUTION NAHF Funds Projects in Six Michigan Communities**

The Native American Heritage Fund invites members of the local media to the NAHF 2022 Check Distribution, held Friday, Aug. 19, at 12:30 p.m. at FireKeepers Casino Hotel in Battle Creek, Michigan.

The NAHF continues to be a unique, one-of-a-kind initiative that assists Michigan's K-12 schools, colleges, universities and local units of government with the costs of projects that promote positive relationships and accurate information about the history and role of Michigan's Indian Tribes and Native Americans in the state.

The 2022 NAHF grant recipients include:

- Chippewa Hills School District — \$52,371.20 to replace current Native American imagery with "Golden Knights" imagery for the "Warriors" mascot.
- Hartford Public Schools — \$132,249.25 to rebrand the current mascot from "Indians" to "Huskies" and implement a new curriculum to help build meaningful connections with students.
- Lansing School District — \$87,500 to rebrand the current mascot from the "Big Reds" to a new culturally appropriate mascot and logo.
- Michigan College Access Network — \$55,000 to continue funding the "College Completion Corps," a program that places completion coaches at three Tribal colleges – Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College and Bay Mills Community College – for the upcoming academic year.
- Saranac Community Schools – \$139,318.90 to rebrand the current mascot from the "R-word" to "Red Hawks" before the upcoming academic year.
- Western Michigan University's Native American Affairs Council — \$12,295 to host "A Conversation with Dallas Goldtooth" of the Mdewakanton Dakota and Diné with Native News Online live streaming the event.

### **EVENT INFORMATION:**

**WHAT:** Native American Heritage Fund 2022 Check Distribution

**WHEN:** Friday, Aug. 19 at 12:30 p.m.

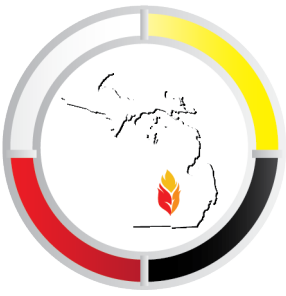
**WHERE:** FireKeepers Casino Hotel Event Center

1177 East Michigan Ave., Battle Creek, MI 49014

Please send media inquiries or interview requests to speak with NAHF Board Chairperson Jamie Stuck to [media@nhbp-nsn.gov](mailto:media@nhbp-nsn.gov).

For questions regarding the NAHF grant process, please contact Calhoun County Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott at 269.781.0966.

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### **About The Native American Heritage Fund**

The NAHF was established in 2016 as part of the Second Amendment to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact between the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi and the State of Michigan. The amendment allowed for a portion of NHBP's annual state revenue sharing payment to be deposited into the NAHF.

The fund serves to promote positive relationships between public and private K-12 schools, colleges, universities, local units of government and Michigan's federally recognized Native American Tribes. The NAHF provides resources to help improve curricula and educational resources related to Michigan Indian history, as well as to replace or revise mascots and imagery that may be deemed as offensive to or inaccurately conveying the culture and values of Native Americans.

For more information visit: [nahfund.com](http://nahfund.com).